

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, the Examiner objected to claim 6 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form to further limit the acrylate tertiary amine containing monomers of claim 1. Amended claim 6 reads "A process according to claim 1, wherein the tertiary amine functional unsaturated monomer is dimethylaminoethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate, diethylaminoethyl acrylate, diethylaminoethyl methacrylate." We believe claim 6 appropriately limits claim 1, and is allowable.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for not defining R and R<sup>5</sup>, not clarifying the antecedent basis in claim 1 for "carboxylic acid" referred to in claim 9 and for not defining the referenced percent in claims 9 and 12.

Amended claim 1 defines R and R<sup>5</sup> as "organic groups which have no reactivity towards the double bond or the tertiary amine function." Claim 9 has been amended to read "A process according to claim 1, wherein the amount of carboxylic acid functions in the isocyanate functional polyurethane prepolymer is from approximately 1 weight % to 15 weight %." Claim 12 has been amended to include "weight" to clarify the percent. Accordingly, we believe claims 1, 9 and 12 properly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the applicant regards as the invention.

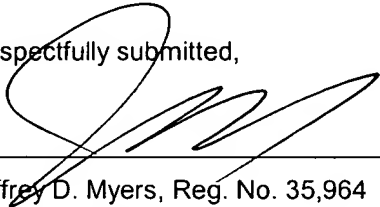
New claims 18 and 19 are added corresponding to "optionally" clauses removed from claim 1.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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